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Office of the Utah State Auditor Issues Results of Investigation into Certain Financial Activities of Eagle Mountain City and Utah County

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The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) operates the "State Auditor Hotline" which provides an avenue for citizens to report suspected financial improprieties or violations of laws by state and local governments or the waste of public funds or resources. All submissions to the Hotline are reviewed and prioritized by experienced members of the Audit staff. In 2013, the Office was made aware of concerns regarding Eagle Mountain City (City).

The Office undertook an investigation of certain of the City's financial activities. In addition, during the investigation of the City, we became aware of concerns with Utah County's procedures for awarding Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) taxes. The investigation was expanded to include Utah County's relationship with the City in the context of those interactions.

These investigations are now complete and the findings and recommendations are available on the Office's website at auditor.utah.gov. Specifically, the Eagle Mountain City report is now available at http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2013/13-EAGL-8LaEagleMtnCityEagleMountainCity.pdf and the Utah County report is now available at http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2013/13-EAGL-8LbUtahCountyUtahCounty.pdf.

The Office of the Utah State Auditor takes seriously any improper or questionable use of public funds. Any individual who has knowledge of the improper use of public funds can report such concerns to our Hotline, by visiting hotline.utah.gov.

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud & compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities

strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. Additional Information at Auditor. Utah.gov

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